



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NORIHIRO SUZUKI, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/892,641

Filed: June 28, 2001

For: IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

) : Examiner: H. Harper

) : Group Art Unit: 2879

) : February 19, 2003 (First Business Day
: (After February 14, 2003)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement set forth in the

Office Action mailed January 15, 2003.

In the Action, it was alleged that the various claim groups are distinct because they are related as a process of making and product made and, with respect to the claims in Group I, directed to unrelated methods, and because they have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification. These contentions are respectfully traversed. It is submitted that the amount of effort required by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office would be lessened by permitting all of the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application. The alternative is to proceed with the filing of multiple applications, each consisting

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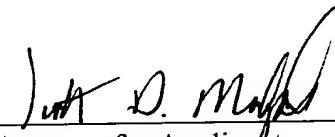
of the same disclosure, and each being subjected to substantially the same search, perhaps by different Examiners on different occasions, with the resultant burden on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the requirement for restriction and allow the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.143, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group III, namely Claims 1-3

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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